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## **STATEMENT BY U.S. SENATOR BENJAMIN L. CARDIN ON PROPOSAL TO FREEZE FEDERAL CIVILIAN PAY**

“Our nation is recovering from the most serious recession since the 1930s. Today we face continuing high unemployment and a \$1.4 trillion federal budget deficit that threatens our economic security. All Americans have a stake in our economic recovery. President Obama has proposed a two-year pay freeze for federal employees to help address the deficit. I believe any federal employee pay freeze should only be considered as part of an overall deficit reduction package. This is particularly relevant as Congress considers tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, which would add more than 10 times to the federal deficit than the President’s proposed civilian pay freeze would save.”

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